

CONDEMNING THE BRUTAL  
KILLING OF MR. JAMES BYRD, JR.

SPEECH OF

**HON. GLENN POSHARD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 11, 1998*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of House Resolution 466, and I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing my deep sorrow and strong condemnation of the vicious, senseless murder of Mr. James Byrd, Jr., in Jasper, Texas. It is profoundly disturbing to me that such a heinous expression of racial hatred could still occur, but I hope that this shocking event can serve to bring us together in a renewed call for the justice, tolerance and harmony which have been so long in coming to this nation.

I would also like to express my heartfelt condolences to those who knew and loved Mr. Byrd. While all of us are feeling the pain that comes with realizing our society is not yet free of this kind of violence, it is Mr. Byrd's family and friends who are bearing the heaviest burden of all, and I hope they will feel our thoughts and prayers with them as they struggle with their loss.

I want to thank the Congresswoman from California, Ms. WATERS, for offering such a powerful resolution. I urge my colleagues and all Americans to take this tragedy and transform it into an inspiration to fight against the evil and hatred that could make such a thing possible. We must not allow ourselves to become complacent while there is still work to be done, for we will not be a truly great nation until racism and discrimination have become nothing more than relics of the past.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD ALBERT  
McCULLOCK

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 1998*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of the United States of America, Richard Albert McCulloch.

Mr. McCulloch was born in Bloomington, Illinois, on July 26, 1924. At the age of eighteen he joined the U.S. Army in the infantry, and later was transferred to the Engineers, 3rd Division. It was the beginning of World War II, and he was sent to the European theater where he fought during the D-Day Invasion of Normandy.

When he returned to the United States he met Marilyn Hedrick, and was married on June 7, 1947. The McCullochs have recently cele-

brated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have five children and twelve grandchildren.

The McCullochs have lived in Garden Grove, California, in the 46th Congressional District, for forty-four years. During that time, Mr. McCulloch has devoted his energies to some very important causes and issues. As a member of the Elks Lodge, he began a clown program to entertain youth at charitable events, and also began a program on American culture.

Mr. McCulloch's love for his country, and for the American flag, is very evident. The Garden Grove Elks are responsible for having a row of flags on both sides of Main Street in downtown Garden Grove. The Garden Grove City Council just approved the flags this June. This is due in large part to Mr. McCulloch's persistence and emphasis on the beauty and meaning of the American flag.

Mr. McCulloch comes into my office quite often, to order flags for Eagle Scouts or for other special occasions. He updates my staff on the correct flag protocol and has taught my staff a great deal about the history of the American flag. In a sense, he is the keeper of the flags, and insures that the American flag is flown outside my Garden Grove office for all to admire.

I ask you all to join me today to salute this fine American, who has served his country during its darkest hours, and who has protected and upheld our flag. He is a shining example of what it means to be American.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN A MCCALL,  
JR.

**HON. JIM TURNER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 1998*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. John A. McCall, Jr., of Crockett, Texas. On June 26, 1998, Dr. McCall will have the high honor of being inaugurated as president of the American Optometric Association at the AOA's 101st Annual Congress in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. McCall is a graduate of the University of Houston College of Optometry. He has served the AOA as a member of the board of trustees, as secretary-treasurer, as vice-president and as president-elect. He has also served on the board of directors of the Texas Optometric Association (TOA), and was president of the TOA in 1989. In 1982, he was named TOA's Young Optometrist of the Year, and in 1991 he was selected as the TOA's Optometrist of the Year.

Dr. McCall's accomplishments are impressive and extend beyond his profession. He served as the mayor of Crockett from 1989-1991, and was a member of the city council for six years. He also served as president of

the Crockett Rotary Club and Jaycees. He was honored for his service to those organizations with the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award and the Rotary Club Community Service Award.

Dr. McCall is a member of the medical staff at the East Texas Medical Center of Crockett, where he has been providing emergency room coverage for ocular trauma since 1984. He currently serves as secretary of the medical staff and is a member of the ER review committee.

Dr. McCall is in practice with his father, Dr. John A. McCall, Sr., O.D., but his ties to optometry run even deeper than that. The lineage of optometrists in his family extends to his wife, Anne, two of his uncles, his father-in-law and his brother-in-law. Not surprisingly, his daughter is currently in pre-optometric studies at Southern Methodist University.

Dr. John McCall has distinguished himself as an outstanding leader in his profession and his community. I am pleased to join his many friends and colleagues in congratulating him on becoming the 77th president of the American Optometric Association.

IN HONOR OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PATIENT/FAMILY  
PSYCHOEDUCATION GROUP

**HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 1998*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues to commend the success of the Kings County Hospital Center's Patient/Family Psychoeducation Group, on their fifteenth anniversary. Since its founding in 1983, this group, geared mostly towards patients with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disease, has been combating the rehospitalization of patients following their discharge from inpatient settings.

This program has yielded many positive effects, a record of which has been published in the March 1993 issue of the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing. The Psychoeducation Group has helped many patients who have been out of the hospital, to change a pattern of recidivism for consistent outpatient treatment.

The Psychoeducation Group consists of patients and families that are primarily, immigrants from the Caribbean nations. The program has been well received by this group, and the information sharing model has been very effective.

I would like to recognize the hard work and commitment that the Psychoeducation Group has exhibited throughout the past fifteen years. Its efforts have truly changed the nature of many lives